



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 2328

**A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize
the Clean Lakes program**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
on March 16, 2000*

SUMMARY

H.R. 2328 would reauthorize the Clean Lakes program and authorize an appropriation of \$50 million for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2005 for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to provide financial and technical assistance to states in restoring publicly owned lakes. The bill also would authorize a one-time appropriation of \$25 million for grants to states to study the effects of acid rain and mine drainage. CBO estimates that implementing this legislation over the next five years would increase discretionary spending by \$239 million. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

H.R. 2328 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. The bill would authorize funding to continue providing grants to states to carry out activities already mandated under the Clean Lakes program.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

For purposes of this estimate, CBO assumes that the amounts authorized will be appropriated for each fiscal year and that outlays will occur at rates similar to those of past appropriations for EPA activities associated with the Clean Lakes program. The estimated impact of H.R. 2328 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and the environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005

CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION

Estimated Authorization Level ^a	75	50	50	50	50
Estimated Outlays	38	48	52	51	50

a. The Clean Lakes program has not received an appropriation since 1994.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

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